

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Disclosed are compounds of the formula



and the pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof where the variables  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ , A,  $R_4$ ,  $R_5$ ,  $R_6$ ,  $R_6'$ , n, and W are defined herein. These compounds bind to the benzodiazepine site of  $GABA_A$  receptors are provided and, therefore can be used to modulate ligand binding to  $GABA_A$  receptors *in vivo* or *in vitro*, and are particularly useful in the treatment of a variety of central nervous system (CNS) disorders in humans, domesticated companion animals and livestock animals.